

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 24, 2007. Claims 1-41 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-41 were rejected. In order to expedite prosecution of this Application, Applicants amend Claim 37. Claims 42-46 are new. Thus, Claims 1-46 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3-26, 28-35 and 37-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0005094 issued to Jamieson et al. (hereinafter "*Jamieson*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Of the rejected Claims, Claims 1, 11, 16, 25, 31, and 37 are independent. Independent Claim 1 recites "a security module adapted to authenticate an identity of the user and, in response to user authentication, automatically generate, transparently to the user, device credential data verifiable by the authentication system to enable user access to the self-managed device" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that *Jamieson* does not appear to disclose or even teach all the limitations of Claim 1. For example, *Jamieson* appears to disclose a system having plurality of domains each having a credential record (e.g., a user identification and password combination) used to enable a user to gain access to a particular domain. (*Jamieson*, paragraph 0039). *Jamieson* appears to disclose that, when a user initially accesses a first domain, the first domain verifies the credentials of the user requesting access using the credential record. (*Jamieson*, paragraph 0039). Thereafter, using a credential store (e.g., a storage medium listing the credential record for each domain that the user has access to), the first domain of *Jamieson* appears to look up and identify the corresponding credentials for a second domain in *Jamieson* in which the user is requesting access. (*Jamieson*, paragraph 0050). Thus, the *Jamieson* system appears to use a stored table of credentials to look up the corresponding credentials for accessing the different domains in *Jamieson*. Therefore, the credentials being looked up in *Jamieson* appear to have been previously created and stored and, thus, are not generated. Nowhere in *Jamieson* does there appear to be any disclosure or even suggestion of a security module adapted to "generate," let alone "automatically

generate...device credential data" as recited by Claim 1 (emphasis added). Thus, *Jamieson* does not anticipate Claim 1. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 11, 16, 31, and 37 each generally recite generating device credential data, and independent Claim 37 recites "if successfully authenticated, generating and transmitting, transparently to the user, device credential data to a self-managed device for authentication by the self-managed device to enable the user to access the self-managed device" (emphasis added). For at the reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 11, 16, 31, and 37 are also not anticipated by *Jamieson*.

Independent Claim 25 recites "an activation/deactivation module accessible via a networked administration client, the activation/deactivation module adapted to interface with the security module in response to a request by the administration client to activate, transparently to the user, an authentication system of a self-managed device to control user access to the self-managed device" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that *Jamieson* does not disclose or even suggest all the limitations of Claim 25. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that *Jamieson* does not appear to disclose an "activation/deactivation module" as recited by Claim 25. For example, as indicated above, *Jamieson* appears to disclose a plurality of domains each having a credential record used to enable a user to gain access to a particular domain. (*Jamieson*, paragraph 0039). The credential record of *Jamieson* appears to verify a matching user identifier and password combination. (Id.). However, nowhere in *Jamieson* does there appear to be any disclosure or even suggestion of a separate "activation/deactivation module accessible via a network administration client...[and] adapted to interface with the security module," let alone an activation/deactivation module interfacing with the security module "in response to a request by the administration client to activate...an authentication system of a self-managed device" as recited by Claim 25 (emphasis added). In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that "it is inherent that the authentication system of the self-managed device is activated because it would need to be active in order to control user access and verify credentials." (Office Action dated July 24, 2007, page 4). However, an active device is not the same as an the authentication system that is accessible by a networked administration client and is activated "in response to a request by the administration client" as

recited by Claim 25 (emphasis added). Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that *Jamieson* does not anticipate Claim 25. Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 25 be withdrawn.

Claims 3-10, 12-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30, 32-35, and 38-41 that depend, respectively, from independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 25, 31, and 37 are also patentable over the cited references at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1, 11, 16, 25, 31, and 37 and also additional elements that further distinguish the references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1, 3-26, 28-35 and 37-41 be withdrawn.

SECTION 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 2, 27 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jamieson* in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0226036 issued to *Bivens* et al. (hereinafter "*Bivens*"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 2, 27, and 36 depend respectively from independent Claims 1, 25, and 31. As shown above, Claims 1, 25, and 31 are patentable over *Jamieson*. Therefore, for at least this reason, Claims 2, 27, and 36 which depend therefrom are also patentable over *Jamieson*. *Bivens* does not appear to remedy, nor does the Examiner rely on *Bivens* to remedy, at least the deficiencies of *Jamieson* indicated above. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 2, 27, and 36 be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Applicants add Claims 42-46. New Claims 42-46 contain no new matter and Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 42-46 are patentable over the applied references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request allowance of new Claims 42-46.

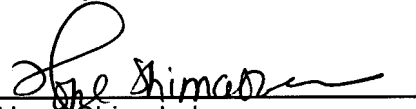
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

An excess claims fee of \$460.00 is believed due. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company the amount of \$460.00 to satisfy the excess claims fee. If, however, Applicant has miscalculated the fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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